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1. Reference is made to memorandum from the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates, subject: "Development of Personnel Procurement and External Research Programs through the Exploitation of American Institutional Possibilities," dated 26 January 1948, enclosing a report submitted by your committee on this subject. Action on each project covered therein is indicated below.
2. Development of research programs by selected university and research institutes is approved to the extent essential to your operating requirements subject to CIA Projects Review Committee action in each case. Recommendations to the Projects Review Committee will include--
 - a. Best source for exploitation.
 - b. Whether any other agency has initiated a similar project, and statement that unnecessary duplication will not result.
 - c. Whether financial support will be required, and if so, to what extent and for what purposes.
 - d. Security considerations.
 - e. Internal coordination with other CIA activities.
 - f. Initial contact and future guidance arrangements recommended.
3. Designation of part-time subject and area advisors on a nation-wide basis has previously been approved and budget support established.
4. Periodic foreign mission programs for selected CIA research employees are not favorably considered. It is not believed that the advantages to be gained are sufficient to offset the probable difficulties in connection with arranging for such missions and possible conflict with other interests which would be involved.
5. Work programs in CIA in Washington for selected individuals between periods of graduate study are not favorably considered. The security problem alone in such cases would be such that no apparent advantage would result from such a program.

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6. Foreign and domestic post-graduate study for selected CIA personnel will receive consideration on a very limited basis. Legislation to authorize such a program for this agency has been submitted to Congress. Initial implementation will be restricted to essential language studies within the U.S. The appropriate projects for action by the Projects Review Committee to institute this program will be developed under your coordination. Such projects must be submitted in sufficient time to enable the appropriate administrative arrangements to be made if projects are approved.

7. Personnel procurement in connection with approved programs listed above will continue to be carried on in the normal manner. No special action is required in this connection.

8. Full consideration must be given to the needs of all other CIA activities in connection with the development of approved programs.

SIGNED

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